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Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CHECKING CONTINUITY OF LEAF-TO-ROOT VLAN CONNECTIONS**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 14 pages of specification, 8 pages of claims, abstract and a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ 2 sheets of drawings.
- ☒ Nonpublication Request Under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(i).

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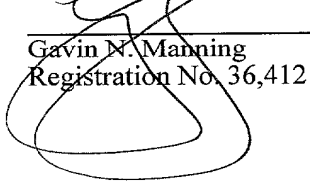
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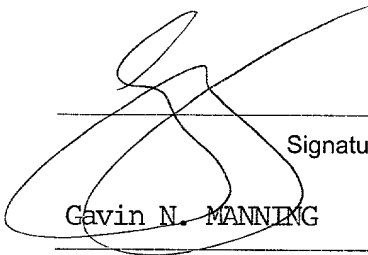
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